

**City of Clewiston
Special Magistrate
Regular Hearing
January 27, 2016**

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Magistrate Watt.

Attendance

Magistrate present: James L. Watt

Personnel present: Debbie McNeil, Yesenia V. Ramos, and Loretta Melanson

Visitor(s) present: Antonio R. Perez, Sandy Baker, Cheryl E. Gutjahr, Rita Thompson, Curt Thompson, William Pflum, Cynthia Pflum, Carlos Santana, James Payne, James Ball

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing.

Approval of the minutes from November 18, 2015: Let the record show an accurate reflection of the proceedings as presented.

Swearing in of all parties intending to present testimony.

Additions/deletions to agenda: Ms. McNeil stated; under Old Business, #3 Blandford Robinson called informed unable to attend due to weather. Ms. McNeil recommends continuance, granted. #5 unable to issue proper notice, recommends continuance, granted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Case No. 15-0149:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-00149, for the property located at 831 E Sagamore Ave. Lot #1N, owner of record, Clewiston Commons "Maribel Torres Carmona".

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation was permanent utilities and not road ready and is now in compliance.

Case 15-0149 so ordered dismissed by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0161:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0161, for the property located at 810 E Sagamore Ave. Lot #18S, owner of record, Clewiston Commons "Efrain Mendez".

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation was no valid registration, skirting, appliances outside, and is now in compliance.

Case 15-0161 so ordered dismissed by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0168:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0168, for the property located at 810 E Sagamore Ave. Lot #13S, owner of record, Clewiston Commons "Roberto Bidopia".

Ms. McNeil stated that the remaining violation is Junk and is still in violation. The only remaining violation is the junk. Pictures were viewed. McNeil explained Mr. Bidopia collects metal for personal purpose of business, Magistrate Watt questioned if this is allowed. Officer McNeil explained city is having issue and in several occasions approached Mr. Bidopia. Property remains out of compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommends the fines be levied and lien placed on property.

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Case #15-0168, so ordered by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0172:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0172, for the property located at 831 E Sagamore Ave Lot #12N, owner of record, Clewiston Commons “Marcelo Santiago”.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation was sewer connection, accessory structure, not road ready, and is now in compliance.

Case 15-0172 so ordered dismissed by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0209 & 15-0210:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0209 & 15-0210, for the property located at 700 E Ventura Ave Lot #10, owner of record, Royal Palm Trailer Park.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation was No Valid Registration and Unpermitted structure, and is now in compliance.

Case 15-0209 & 15-0210, so ordered dismissed by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0219, 15-0221, & 15-0222:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0219, 15-0221, and 15-0222, for the property located at 700 E Ventuira Ave Lot #2., owner of record, Royal Palm Trailer Park.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation was water heater outside, not road ready, and permanent utilities, and is now in compliance.

Case 15-0219, 15-0221, and 15-0222 so ordered dismissed by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0234, 15-0227, & 15-0226:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0234, 15-0227, and 15-0226, for the property located at 700 E Ventuira Ave Lot #5., owner of record, Royal Palm Trailer Park.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation no valid registration, inhab. Structure, indoor furniture outside, and is now in compliance.

Case 15-0234, 15-0227, and 15-0226, so ordered dismissed by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0133:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0133, for the property located at 825 E Alverdez Ave, owner of record, Denis S. Lachaine.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation no valid registration, inhab. Structure, indoor furniture outside, and is now in compliance.

Case 15-0133, so ordered dismissed by Mr. Watt.

Case No. 15-0350:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0350, for the property located at 427 E Alverdez Ave, owner of record, Sheila M. Rosales.

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Ms. McNeil stated that the violation is overgrowth. Pictures displayed. Carlos Santana, brother of Sheila M. Rosales, present and informed Ms Rosales has passed. Property remains out of compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommends the case be reviewed at our next meeting on March 16th, 2016, if not in compliance fine will be begin at Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day.

Case #15-0350, so ordered by Mr. Watt.

New Business

Case No. 15-0247:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0247, for the property located at 409 W. Trinidad Ave., owner of record present, James & Betty Ball.

Ms. McNeil stated that the original violation abandoned vehicles, and is still in violation. Viewing pictures of the property. Mr. James Ball (owner) was present, and states he will correct the violation. At this time property is out of compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommends the \$50 a day fine be assessed and \$150 administrative fine. Magistrate Watt stated so ordered and a decision will be made as to record a lien on her property for the amount of the fine that is owed on our March meeting.

Case No. 15-0301 & 15-0302:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case numbers 15-0301 & 15-0302, for the property located at 304 W El Paso Ave., owner of record, John Payne.

Ms. McNeil stated that the original violation unpermitted fence & pre-fab carport. He was given written warning and it was hand delivered. Mr. James Payne, brother to Mr. John Payne was present and explained he was not aware of not having a fence permit, but has applied. At this time, it is out of compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that Mr. Payne will have a \$50 a day fine assessed and \$150 administrative fine. Magistrate Watt stated so ordered and a decision will be made as to record a lien on the property for the amount of the fine that is owed on our March meeting.

Case No. 15-0352:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0352, for the property located at 806 N Berner Rd., owner of record, William & Cynthia Pflum.

Ms. McNeil stated that the original notice of violation is fence, wall and hedges in the Public Utility Easement. Reviewed pictures of violations, Mr. and Mrs. Pflum was present and at this time it remains out of compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that William & Cynthia Pflum will have a \$50 a day fine be assessed and \$150 administrative fine. Magistrate Watt stated so ordered and a decision will be made as to record a lien on their property for the amount of the fine that is owed on our March meeting.

Case No. 15-0377:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0377, for the property located at 706 Saginaw Ave., owner of record, Curtis & Rita Thompson.

Ms. McNeil stated that the original notice of violation is fence, wall and hedges in the Public Utility Easement. Reviewed pictures of violations, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were present and at this time it remains out of compliance.

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The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that Curtis & Rita Thompson will have a \$50 a day fine be assessed and \$150 administrative fine. Magistrate Watt stated so ordered and a decision will be made as to record a lien on their property for the amount of the fine that is owed on our March meeting.

Case No. 15-0267:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0267, for the property located at 342 W Sagamore Ave, owner of record, Evelio & Virginia M. Molina.

Ms. McNeil stated that the original notice of violation is overgrowth. Viewed pictures, and at this time it's still out of compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that Evelio & Virginia M Molina, will have a \$50 a day fine be assessed and \$150 administrative fine. Magistrate Watt stated so ordered and a decision will be made as to record a lien on the property for the amount of the fine that is owed on our March meeting.

Fine Assessment

Case No. 15-0063:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0063, for the property located at 815 S W C Owens, owner of record, Maria Moreno.

Ms McNeil stated the violation is non-compliance with an order of the Special Magistrate order of November 18, 2015, as the owner was not present.

The Special Magistrate Watt so ordered a lien be recorded.

Case No. 15-0114:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0114, for the property located at 720 E Royal Palm Ave., owner of record, Helen Dickey.

Ms McNeil stated violation is non-compliance with an order of the Special Magistrate order of November 18, 2015, as the owner was not present.

The Special Magistrate Watt so ordered a lien be recorded.

Case No. 15-0135:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 15-0135, for the property located at 831 E Sagamore Ave. Lot #4N, owner of record, Clewiston Commons "Glenda Barbree".

Ms McNeil stated violation is non-compliance with an order of the Special Magistrate order of November 18, 2015, as the owner of recreational vehicle(RV) was not present. Ms Guthjer representative of the property(land) was present and stated is trying to locate original recreational vehicle(RV) owner.

The Special Magistrate Watt granted thirty (30) days to remove recreational vehicle(RV) so ordered thereafter said thirty (30) days a lien be recorded.

Lien reduction

Ms. McNeil stated that there is no Lien reduction on the docket.

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Red light camera cases

Ms. McNeil stated that there are no red light camera cases on the docket.

Magistrate Watt closed the public hearing after receiving no further comments, written or oral, from the audience or the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

James Watt, Special Magistrate